

with the Examiner, the present application is a continuation reissue application and therefore the parent application filing date, June 10, 1998, which was within the statutory two year period complies with 35 U.S.C. § 251. Since no new Office Action has been received, Applicants respond to the outstanding Office Action in detail, as follows.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement filed July 3, 2002 with copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement. A mailroom date-stamped receipt is also enclosed indicating that the Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement were filed on July 3, 2002.

Assent of Assignee

Enclosed is a copy of the Assent of Assignee to reissue document filed in the parent application.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

Enclosed is a copy of the Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application filed in the parent application indicating the full name of each inventor, country of citizenship, residence and mailing address.

Also submitted herewith is a proposed Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application that should, in combination with the Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application filed in the parent application overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action. In particular, the (unsigned) Supplemental Declaration proposed to be filed in the present application includes the change in inventorship required for the present application. Applicants will sign the proposed Supplemental Declaration upon approval by the Examiner in order to comply with the requirement for a statement that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the Oath/Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.

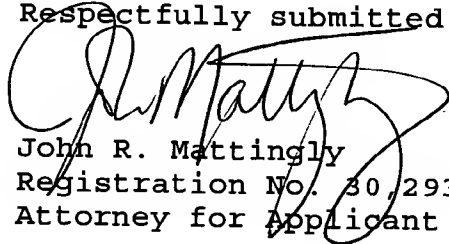
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 251

The Examiner has rejected claims 53-74 as being presented in a reissue application filed outside the two year statutory period. However, the present application is a continuation application and the parent reissue application was filed on June 10, 1998, which is within the two year statutory period, i.e. within two years of the issue date of the patent. Since Applicants presented broadened claims in the parent reissue

application within the two year statutory period, Applicant is entitled to file the present continuation application with broadened claims and receive the benefit of the filing date of the parent reissue application. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 should be withdrawn.

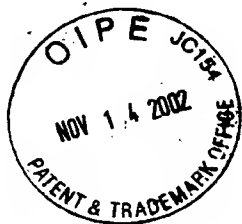
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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In re Reissue of

U.S. Patent No. 5,526,313

Issued: June 11, 1996

For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER
CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, assignees of the entire interest in the
above-mentioned Letters Patent, hereby assent to the
accompanying reissue application.

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Serial No. 09/095,101

Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: June 10, 1998

Examiner: S. Mai

For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER
CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,526,313 and in the specification of the foregoing reissue application and for which improvement is solicited a reissue patent.

IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL ERROR

There is an error in the inventive entity set forth in the declaration filed in the U.S. application resulting in U.S. Patent No. 5,526,313. Specifically, Jun Etoh was named as an inventor in error, but is now correctly named as an inventor in this reissue application. More specifically:

(1) Applicants claim the benefit of priority of four Japan applications under 35 U.S.C. §119.

(2) The inventor Jun Etoh is an inventor named in priority applications JP1 63-148104 and JP 63-222317.

(3) U.S. Patent No. 5,526,313 issued with 12 claims that are supported by the subject matter of priority application no. JP 1-29803. However, Jun Etoh is not an inventor named in this priority application.

(4) By the present reissue application, the error has been corrected by adding new claims 69-71. Jun Etoh has contributed to the subject matter of claims 69-71.

(5) The error in naming Jun Etoh as an inventor in the application as originally filed arose without any deceptive intention on the part of Jun Etoh.

ERROR STATEMENT

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior declaration submitted November 30, 1998, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicants.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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